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- 1. MY DIALOGUE ON DEVELOPMENT MATTERS WITH PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS HAS STRESSED NOTHING BUT THE NEED TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE FOOD PROBLEM IN CHAD. THIS CONCENTRATION HAS RESULTED FROM MY CONVICTION THAT OUR SAHELIAN PROGRAM WAS BECOMING TOO DIVERSE AND WAS LOSING ITS FOCUS ON HELPING THESE COUNTRIES ACHIIEVE FOOD SELF EUFFICIENCY. CHADS GOVERNMENT IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH OUR EMPHASIS BUT ADDS ONE CAVEAT, WHICH IS WELL FOUNDED: NAMELY, THAT GROWING FOOD IS USELLESS UNLESS IT HAS THE TRANSPORTATION INFRUSTRUCRE TO DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE ULTIMATE USERS. HENCE OUR DUAL PROGRAM EMPHASIS (SEE NDJAMENA 0952) ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND ROADS.
- 2. DESPITE THIS AGREEMENT ON OBJECTIVES, OUR PROGRAMS ARE STILL TOO ESOTERIC, TOO LONG TERM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ARE ALL TOO SLOW TO CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION AND STRONG SUPORT OF THE CHADIANS OR TO ASSURE US OF THE TYPE OF RESULTS WE WILL NEED TO KEEP AMERICAN INTEREST HIGH. BRADOFRD

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